

"STUDLEY," BIRTHPLACE OF PATRICK HENRY

Once More This First Home of Famous Virginian
Has Changed Hands--A Sketch of His
Various Places of Residence.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ETNA MILLS, VA., August 28.—Studley Place, in Hanover, birthplace of Patrick Henry, and also the burial place of his opponent in the Parsons' Cause, Judge Peter Lyons, has again changed masters. William Wirt, Redd, for many years its owner, having passed it over to Rev. J. M. Greenlee and family.

Studley is sixteen miles south from Richmond, and three miles from the Pamunkey River, in the little neighborhood known generally by the name of the good people of Hanover and the hucksters from King William and King and Queen as "Haw's Shop." Studley, then, is on the main thoroughfare that leads a large portion of Hanover, a larger portion of King William, and even some of King and Queen, to Richmond to market. It is a quiet neighborhood, a tranquil atmosphere lingers about the place, and the growth of young trees about the paternal fields scarcely suggests the romance that reigned supreme there long ago.

The dwelling and historic spot are back some distance from the main thoroughfare. The dwelling is of frame structure, and is a pretty and commodious residence of modern country type, standing on a grove of trees that is shaded by three and ancient trees. This is not the original house—the one in which Henry first saw the light—nor does it cover the site of the Henry house. That is about two hundred feet to the left of the present residence, and is marked by a single magnolia tree, which stood just back of the original Studley house. It faced the west, while the present residence faces the north. The original house was a simple frame structure, was surrounded by wide-spreading grounds, mint-covered in the rear and shaded by locust trees, and in front adorned with old-fashioned flowers and shade trees. The trees which stand in the present yard stood in the rear end of the original yard, it reaching back far. It was approached by a carefully planned avenue, which ran to a certain point, nearly parallel with the present driveway, and then turned eastward towards the residence. Double rows of locust trees bordered the driveway, nearly all of which are gone now, they having been destroyed by the cultivation of the fields. Near the original site is the old burying-ground, which contains the graves of many of those through whose hands Studley has passed. Just back of the place is "Totipotimous Creek," which was mentioned along with the deeds of Captain Smith, put into song and story by the poet Samuel Butler, and called by Grant's soldiers "Hotlittletotipotimous."

A Famous Spot.
Studley is famous as the birthplace of Patrick Henry, but its fame as one of the historic places of Virginia began at a later date and for no greater reason than that one night in October, 1775, it sheltered and had as its guest the famous "Scotch General of His Majesty's Revenue and President of the Council of the Colony," William Byrd, of Westover, founder of the cities of Richmond and Petersburg. It was while riding over his hundred thousand acres and visiting his churches and the James, which he writes he found on that particular day "as still, for want of water, as a dead woman's tongue for want of breath," that this aristocratic Virginian, being shown thither by one of his overseers, was on that October day received at Studley, the home of Mrs. Mary Anne, a widow, but later mother of Patrick Henry. It was only a visit to a neighbor, so William Byrd assured it, for he, having his hundred thousand acres and living at Westover, in Charles City county, deemed Mrs. Byrd in Hanover a neighbor.

William Byrd gives a picture of Studley and its mistress on that evening in October, more particularly of the mistress, though the tale of her as being a person of love and cheerful conversation, and one whose conversation "sets off her other agreeable qualities to advantage." He says: "The courteous widow invited me to rest myself there that good day, and go to church with her, but I excused myself by telling her she would certainly spend the day with me. She civilly entreated me to make her house my home whenever I visited my plantation, which made me bow low and thank her very kindly."

Mrs. Byrd was the widow of John Byrd, member of the House of Burgesses from Hanover. She belonged to the Winthrop family—a family distinguished according to the historian Wirt, for their "constant understanding and easy education." She was Sarah Winthrop, daughter of Isaac and Mary Dabney Winthrop.

Home of John Henry.
At the time of the visit of William Byrd Studley was the abode not only of the widow Byrd, but also of John Henry, a scholar and gentleman and friend of the dead husband. It was he who not long afterwards married the "pretty, handsome dame" and became the father of Patrick Henry, who was born May 29, 1773.

Studley is now occupied by its owners, the Greenlee family—Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Greenlee; five daughters, Misses Maud, Annie, Mabel, Georgina and Jamie; one son, Willie, and the grandmother of the maternal side, Mrs. Tait—persons whose hearty good-will and hospitable ways make them worthy of being masters and mistresses of Studley. They were formerly of Marion, N. C., and recently purchased the place of William Wirt Redd, who had owned it since 1832. Mr. Redd acquired it of Augustus Martin Broach, and he of Philip Norman. Philip Norman obtained it from Judge Peter Lyons, the staunch and strenuous opponent of Patrick Henry in the "Parsons' Cause," at which Henry made his sudden leap to fame. Studley was long the Lyons homestead, they having obtained it from John Henry. Judge Peter Lyons died there, and he is one of those who repose in the old burying-ground there. Of the two combatants in the world-famous Parsons' Cause—Studley, the birthplace of the one and place of the death and the burial of the other!

Studley bears the long row of the dwelling places of Patrick Henry. It is passed and done with in an instant, too, and to follow Henry, one has to turn his eyes to other scenes. At Studley the children only Patrick; his elder brother, William; and his half-brother, John Syme, were born at Studley, for when Patrick was but a few months old, the family moved to "Mount Brilliant," near Rocky Mills, on the South Anna River, in Hanover county, twenty-two miles from Richmond. Here were born Patrick's seven sisters—Jane, Sarah, Susanah, Mary, Anne, Elizabeth and Lucy. Thus Studley did not remain Patrick's home. At Mount Brilliant he spent his boyhood, and that was his home until he reached the age of eighteen, when by his marriage to Sarah Shelton, of Hanover, he acquired the little farm, "Pine Slash," not far from Mount Brilliant, near from the "Slashes," the scene of the birth and boyhood of Henry Clay.

Pine Slash.
Pine Slash was the first of the many homes owned by Patrick Henry. It was at Pine Slash that the patriot tried his hand at farming. He had already tried store-keeping just previous to his marriage. When Pine Slash dwelling was destroyed by fire, in 1787, Henry took his family to dwell on a larger country home, with his father-in-law, John Shelton, who had begun to keep the tavern there. While living at the Hanover Tavern was when Henry began a study of law, and it was from there that he was called to defend the people in the Parsons' case in Hanover Court, December 1, 1778.

From 1784 to about 1788, "Roundabout," in Louisa county, was the orator's home, his father having passed it to him in payment of a loan. Henry was soon made a member of the House of Burgesses from Louisa, and it was from Roundabout that he journeyed back to Williamsburg, appeared in homespun clothes in the House, and delivered on his twenty-ninth birthday, May 29, 1775, his burning oration on the Stamp Act. "Scotchtown," in Hanover, comes next. Henry moved there from Roundabout, and it remained his home until the time of his first term as Governor, when he sold it to Colonel Wilson Miles Cary. The estate is not far from Mount Brilliant, nor from Pine Slash. It was the home of Patrick Henry at the time of the height of his fame. It was his home when he represented Virginia in the First and Second Continental Congresses, which met in Philadelphia in 1774 and in 1775; when he was a member of the Second Virginia Convention, which met in St. John's Church, Richmond, when he uttered his immortal "Liberty or Death" speech, March 23, 1775. It was his home when he was elected Governor—first Commonwealth Governor—and it was from there that he went to Williamsburg to assume the arduous duties of the office of Governor, July 4, 1776. While serving his first three terms, from 1776 to 1779, Henry, of course, lived in the palace at Williamsburg.

At the termination of his third term, Henry journeyed west with his family, and took up his abode at "Leatherwood," in Henry county, and which was his home for five years, until 1784, when he was again elected Governor.

While Governor his fourth and fifth times, from November 26, 1784, to the fall of 1787, Richmond then having become the capital, Henry had a country home at "Salisbury," a plantation of sixteen thousand acres, in Chesterfield county, thirteen miles from Richmond.

Henry next lived on an estate of seventeen hundred acres in Prince Edward county, bought of Colonel John Holcombe for 2,111 pounds. His motive for living there was to have his sons come to Hampton-Sidney College, which college they attended. "Long Island," in Campbell county, and "Red Hill," in Charlotte, were the last two homes of the patriot, he alternating between them, living at first one, then the other, until 1796, when he chose Red Hill as his Mt. Vernon. He died at Red Hill June 6, 1799, and is buried there.



OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

said: "Though the most direct and obvious of the Cambridge group, the least given to subtleties, he is our typical university poet, the minstrel of the college that bred him and within whose liberties he has taught, feasted, sung and toasted from boyhood to what in common folk would be old age."

The literary world celebrates today the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Holmes. This not American writer of wit and humor was born at Cambridge, Mass., August 29, 1809, and died October 7, 1894. He was a son of Dr. Abel Holmes, the author of "The American Annals," and "Red Hills" in Charlotte, were the last two homes of the patriot, he alternating between them, living at first one, then the other, until 1796, when he chose Red Hill as his Mt. Vernon. He died at Red Hill June 6, 1799, and is buried there.

When the Navy Department resolved upon breaking up the old frigate Constitution, at the Charlestown Navy yard, Holmes wrote, as he claims, in prompt, his "Old Ironsides," beginning: "Ay, tear her tattered ensign down! Long has she waved on high, And many an eye has danced to see That banner in the sky."

It appeared in a Boston newspaper and became at that period a sort of national lyric. It was republished in many periodicals and distributed about Washington in handbills, having the effect of saving the old vessel from dismantlement.

About 1829 Dr. Holmes was elected professor of anatomy and physiology at Dartmouth, which position he later resigned. In 1840 he married Miss Amelia Low and established himself at Boston as a practitioner of medicine. From 1874 to 1882 he was professor of anatomy in the Medical School of Harvard University. His chief early medical publication is the "Royalist Prize Essay—1834." In 1848 he made a report on medical literature to the American Association. He wrote for medical and other journals. An important article was "The Contagiousness of Erysipelas Fever." He planned his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" early in life, but began its successful career in the Atlantic Monthly in 1857. In a letter dated March 15, 1860, he writes: "While the largest contributor in every number and given it its name, still I never had any connection with the editing." "Elsie Venner" was published in 1881, also several volumes of his poems during the war period.

Friendliness Toward South.
An unpublished letter written in 1862 to T. W. White, at Richmond, Va., now in possession of the writer, shows his friendly spirit towards Southern literature. In speaking of the South-

ern Literary Messenger, he said: "I have been long acquainted with its name and standing and often indebted to pages borrowed from it for instruction and entertainment. It gives me great pleasure to find that notwithstanding the belief once entertained that the inclination (certainly not the ability) to maintain a permanent periodical literature was wanting at the South, you have succeeded in securing not only the Southern half of your country for your readers, but in making us all to no slight extent your subscribers."

A letter addressed, a little later on, to James T. Fields is of interest. The writer is under obligations to Mrs. Anna M. Griswold, of Cambridge, Mass., for permission to print the same from the "Griswold Correspondence."

"I hope that you will do whatever you can to favor Mr. Poe in the matter of which he spoke to you in his letter. I suppose you will send him a copy of my poem on one of Urania, and refer him for the little facts of my outward existence to the preface to my volume and to Mr. Griswold's book. I cannot think that he would be much interested to know that I have a little family growing up about me since Friend Rufus posted up my history. This is almost the only change in my circumstances which has occurred since that date, but if there is anything about me which a friend might say and a well-wisher publish, say it and trust to Mr. Poe's discretion. I really believe, however, that I have nothing at present to show for the half-dozen years of my life, which, however, have not been idle and may some time or other bear their fruit. I have always thought Mr. Poe entertained a favorable opinion of me since he taught me how to scan one of my own poems. And I am not ashamed, though it may be very unphilosophical, to be grateful for his good opinion, and even venture to hope that he may find something to approve in one or two of my last poems—in the one you will send him and in the 'Pilgrim of last year, if he ever sees it."

Holmes' Autograph.
"As for the autograph, that is a ticklish matter. I intend trying for one on the next page, but the sheet has a hot-pressed, repulsive kind of polish more genteel than agreeable to the ambitious designs of one who would desire to be enrolled upon the list of calligraphers. Like my eldest boy,

it does not stick to its letters; like some of my Southern friends it seems to have a natural misanthropy for the blacks. But the attempt must be made. Modestly, therefore, yet firmly, avoiding equally the pretentious boldness of John Hancock and the voluntary self-diminution of those who wrote the names in the circumference of the same sixpence which already covers a copy of the Lord's Prayer in full, I subscribe myself etc."

How Holmes' autograph impressed is recorded in his well-known "Appendix of Autographs" in Graham's Magazine.

"Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Boston, late professor of anatomy and physiology at Dartmouth College, has written many productions of merit, and has been pronounced, by a very high authority, the best of the humorous poets of the day."

His bibliography is remarkably fine, and quick fancy might easily detect in its graceful yet picturesque quaintness, an analogy with the vivid drollery of his style."

Another estimate of Holmes is attributed to Poe by Professor Harrison's "Virginia Poe," in the criticism of Alfred Tennyson, in Graham's Magazine, for September, 1842, but in Poe's own writings in the Philadelphia Saturday Museum, published after this, the criticism is charged up by himself to Dr. R. W. Griswold's account.

Holmes on Poe.
Among the numerous letters received from the poets in response to invitations to be present at the dedication of the Poe Monument in Baltimore, was one from Dr. Holmes. This is given with the kind permission of Miss S. S. Rice, of Baltimore, Md., to whom it was addressed and in whose possession it still remains.

"Boston, September 18, 1875.
"In answer to your kind invitation, I regret that I cannot say that I hope to be present at the ceremony of placing a monument over the grave of your city's hero. I am already engaged by the erection of a statue of a statesman, and I am sorry to be unable to do so."

"By every one not yet created to be read; And tongues to be his being shall rehearse
When all the breathers of this world are dead."

"Yet we would not leave him without a stone to mark the spot where the hands that have so often been living lyre were laid in dust. He that can confer an immortality which will outlast bronze and granite deserves this poor tribute, not for his sake so for the sake of the inspiration of genius, which he can look tenderly upon the infirmities too often attending it, who can feel for its misfortunes, will sympathize with you as you gather around the resting-place of all that was mortal of Edgar Allan Poe, and raise the stone inscribed with one of the few names which will outlive the graves records meant to perpetuate its remembrance."

Money Value of Holmes' Books.
There may be some little truth in what Holmes wrote his friend and publisher, James T. Fields: "I think that I have made myself almost too common by my readiness to oblige people on all sorts of occasions." He not only wrote his autograph in many of his later volumes, but inserted written verses of poetry in his early books of poems.

In one he wrote:
And if I should live to be
The last leaf upon the tree
In the spring,
Let them smile as I do now
At the old forsaken bough,
Where I cling."

This habit of writing in his volumes has helped to increase their value, especially at the book auction sales, but as a rule, none of his books bring large prices. Perhaps the record price was for a large presentation paper copy of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," which fetched at auction \$180, while a letter with a sketch of his life and list of writings brought \$75. The Arnold book sale contained 176 Holmes items, which cost \$500.94 and sold for \$714.70, while twelve letters, costing \$33.58, brought \$108.05.

All the world of literature may not remember Dr. Holmes as well as has been well said, his writings will at least continue to be enjoyed by "lawyers, veteran judges and many other discreet persons."

REPUBLICANS NOMINATE FLANAGAN FOR HOUSE
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHRISTIANBURG, VA., August 28.—The Republicans of Montgomery county and Radford held a large and enthusiastic convention here today and nominated U. G. Flanagan, of the Blacksburg district, for the House of Delegates. The convention was harmonious throughout, and Mr. Flanagan was unanimously nominated.

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gressional District last fall. The Republicans manifested much interest in the convention today, but they lost for years, and a vigorous campaign will be waged.
The Democrats will meet on September 4 and renominate Hon. Charles A. Johnson, after which both candidates will make an active canvass of the county until election day.

HEAVY DAMAGES ARE AWARDED TO WILLARD

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., August 28.—D. H. Willard, a prominent insurance agent of Johnson City, against whom several indictments have recently been made, on account of alleged embezzlement of insurance money, in his suit against the Employers' Insurance Co. of Wausau, Wis., has won a verdict against Willard to recover \$12,000 alleged to be due from him.

Takes Life With Razor.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
COBHAM, VA., August 28.—Mrs. Cora Daniel, wife of Pelham P. Daniel, who lived near Tobacco post-office, in this county, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor. Mrs. Daniel's mind had been impaired. She was previously married to a man named Mr. Daniel, who was killed by a train. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Wood and Wood

The majority of consumers of wood in this city have come to the conclusion that there is more than one grade of wood sold to carry on domestic work. Manufacturers who consume coal to operate their machinery, more especially the firemen, are very indignant when they get a bad load of coal that won't burn, but clinker and turn to hard stuff, failing absolutely to give heat. They are exactly right to make a kick and refuse to buy any more coal. I have advertised very extensively for about ten years that housekeepers could save money, worry, time and have little trouble preparing meals if they would take notice of the kind of wood and coal they buy. I have built up the largest wood business in this city by giving the original, easy-to-split, long-lasting Pine and Oak Slabs at even a lower price than common wood sells for.

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